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Newly Renovated Lounge Reopens at Bradley International Airport

Windsor Locks, CONN – Feb. 11, 2026 – The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) is pleased to announce this morning’s reopening of the newly renovated Escape Lounge at Bradley International Airport (BDL).

The lounge, which is operated by CAVU, under its “Escape Lounges” brand, is the airport’s only lounge. It was closed last summer and has gone through an extensive expansion project and remodel. The updated and now bigger space features the following benefits for passengers:

- Larger footprint with increased seating capacity
- More robust food and beverage menu due to expansion of kitchen and bar space
- Expanded hours from 4:30am to 8pm, seven days a week

“The Escape Lounge at Bradley International Airport has been a popular destination for passengers over the years,” said Michael W. Shea, Executive Director & CEO of the CAA. “The expansion in size and offerings is a major upgrade to an already highly regarded amenity and builds on the terminal-wide modernization and customer improvement efforts we have undertaken over the last year.”

Located in BDL’s east concourse (gates 1-12), the lounge at BDL offers departing passengers an all-inclusive experience with hot and cold dishes, beverages, comfortable seating in a quiet and relaxed environment, and dedicated WiFi. Passengers can gain access to the lounge for a fee, or complimentary through an applicable credit card or travel membership. BDL’s Escape Lounge is open to individual passengers or families (children 3 and under are free).

“We’re thrilled to reopen the doors to our newly expanded Escape Lounge at Bradley International Airport,” said Shelby Shenkelman, Commercial Manager, AMER at CAVU. “This renovation represents our continued commitment to providing travelers with an exceptional airport experience. We’re excited to welcome guests back to enjoy an escape to remember, with improved amenities and an expanded space that allows even more passengers to relax and recharge before their journey.”

To learn more or pre-book an Escape Lounge stay, visit <https://escapelounges.com/us/airport-lounges/bradley/>

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About Bradley International Airport

Bradley International Airport (BDL) is the largest airport in Connecticut and the second largest in New England. Recognized nationally by leading travel publications for its ease of travel, BDL currently offers nonstop flights to more than 40 destinations on 9 different airlines. BDL also offers a range of services for the inclusiveness of all travelers and boasts award-winning concessions. BDL is operated by the Connecticut Airport Authority, and its operations are entirely self-funded. The airport contributes nearly \$3.6 billion to the regional economy. For more information, visit www.bradleyairport.com.

About The Connecticut Airport Authority

The CAA was established in 2011 to develop, improve, and operate Bradley International Airport and the state's five general aviation airports (Danielson, Groton-New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford, and Windham). The CAA Board consists of 11 members with a broad spectrum of experience in aviation-related and other industries, as well as government. The goal of the CAA is to make Connecticut's airports more attractive to new airlines, bring in new routes, and support Connecticut's overall economic development and growth strategy. For more info, visit www.ctairports.org

About Escape Lounges

Escape Lounges are all-inclusive premium airport lounges open to all travelers. Guests entering an Escape Lounge receive a wide variety of amenities, including hot and cold food and beverages, plush and relaxing seating with ample power outlets, high-speed Wi-Fi, up-to-the-second flight information, and access to 7,000+ digital publications in 60+ languages from 120+ countries. Visit us at escapelounges.com and connect with us on [Facebook](#), [X](#) and [Instagram](#) for more information.

About CAVU

CAVU is the parent company of Escape Lounges. Founded by MAG (Manchester Airports Group) and backed by 80 years of aviation expertise, CAVU strives to revolutionize airport travel, creating value for passengers and the businesses that serve them. It seeks to address evolving passenger needs today and exceed them as we move forward into tomorrow. Its name is taken from the aviation meteorology term, 'Ceiling And Visibility Unlimited' (CAVU), which designates the perfect flying condition where the ceiling is more than 10,000ft, and the visibility is more than ten miles. Visit ca.vu to learn more. Connect with us on [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#).



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